

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A picture display system comprising a first display device, a second display device, and a base device for supplying picture signals to at least the first display device, wherein:

the first display device includes a picture display unit for displaying the picture signals;

the second display device includes a display unit for displaying transparent display information for operation including a base device selection button and a plurality of additional buttons for switching image modes and accepting an operating input from a user, an operating input accepting means for accepting an operating input from a user, an operating signal generating means for generating operating signals conforming to display items of the display information for operation as specified by the operating input accepting means, an interlock/non-interlock function for selecting whether the picture signals supplied to the first display device should be switched in association with display contents of the display information for operation, and a communication means for transmitting the operating signals to the base device; and

the base device includes a picture signal outputting means for outputting the picture signals to at least the first display device, a communication means for receiving

the operating signals from at least the second display device, an external input device connecting means for connecting the base device to an external input device as a source of the picture signals, and a control signal transmitting means for transmitting an external input device control signal to the external input device and controlling the external input device based on the operating signal.

2. (Previously Presented) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein

the operating input accepting means of the second display device includes a contact position detection means for detecting a contact position on a display surface of the display unit; and

the operating signal generating means generates an operating signal conforming to a display item of the display information for operation displayed at a contact position on the display image surface detected by the contact position detection means.

3. (Previously Presented) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein

the communication means of the base device transmits a response signal to the operating signal to the second display device; and

the communication means of the second display device receives the response signal.

4. (Previously Presented) The picture display system according to claim 1,

wherein

the base device further includes a tuner means and sends picture signals selected by the tuner means, based on the operating signal via the picture signal outputting means, to the first display device.

5. (Previously Presented) The picture display system according to claim 1,

wherein

the first display device further includes a tuner means and displays picture signals selected by the tuner means, based on an operating signal from the base device, on the picture display unit.

6. (Previously Presented) The picture display system according to claim 1,

wherein

the control signal transmitting means of the base device transmits the external input device control signal for the external input device over a wireless route.

7. (Previously Presented) The picture display system according to claim 6,

wherein

the control signal transmitting means of the base device converts the external input device control signal, transmitted over the wireless path, into infrared signals, which are output.

8. (Previously Presented) The picture display system according to claim 1,

wherein

the base device further includes a receiving means connected to a communication network for receiving information signals transmitted through the communication network, and a transmission control means for controlling the transmission of the information signals to a specified display device.

9. (Previously Presented) The picture display system according to claim 1,

wherein

the base device further includes transmission information transmitting means that sends the transmission information over the communication network to a target counterpart.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The picture display system according to claim 1,  
wherein

the external input device connecting means is connected, via an amplifier, to the  
external input device as a source of supply of the image signals.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A picture displaying method of a picture display system  
including a first display device, a second display device, and a base device for  
supplying picture signals to at least the first display device, the method comprising:

accepting an operating input from a user based on display information  
transparently displayed on a display image surface of the second display device,  
including a base device selection button and a plurality of additional buttons for  
switching image modes and an interlock/non-interlock function for selecting whether the  
picture signals supplied to the first display device should be switched in association with

display contents of the display information for operation; on a display image surface of the second display device;

generating an operating signal conforming to the operating input;

transmitting the operating signal to the base device via bidirectional communication means exchanging signals between the second display device and the base device; and

controlling an external input device as a supply source of the picture signals based on the operating signal.

14. (Previously Presented) The picture displaying method according to claim 13, further comprising:

controlling a tuner of the base device by the operating signal; and

displaying picture signals, selected by the operating signal, on the first display device.

15. (Previously Presented) The picture displaying method according to claim 13, further comprising:

controlling a tuner of the base device by the operating signal; and

displaying picture signals, selected by the operating signal, by the picture display unit.

16. (Previously Presented) The picture displaying method according to claim 13, further comprising:

receiving information signals coupled to a communication network and transmitted over the communication network; and

managing control so that the information signals are transmitted to the specified display device.

17. (Previously Presented) The picture displaying method according to claim 13, further comprising:

transmitting the transmission information, over the communication network, to the target counterpart.

18. (Currently Amended) A display apparatus comprising:

a communication means for exchanging signals with a base device connected to an external input device as a supply source of picture signals and for supplying preset picture signals to at least one picture display device;

a display means for displaying [[the]] transparent display information and accepting an operating input from a user, including a base device selection button and a plurality of additional buttons for switching image modes and an interlock/non-interlock function for selecting whether the picture signals supplied to a first display device should be switched in association with display contents of display information for operation;  
~~, and for accepting an operating input from a user;~~

an operating input accepting means for accepting [[an]] the operating input from a user; and

an operating signal generating means for generating an operating signal conforming to the operating input; wherein

the operating signal is sent over the communication means to the base device and the base device sends a preset image signal from the external input device to the picture display device for display.

19. (Previously Presented) The display apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the operating input accepting means includes a contact position detection means provided on a display image surface of the display unit for detecting a contact position on the display image surface; and

the operating signal generating means generates an operating signal, displayed at a contact position on the display image surface detected by the contact position detection means, conforming to a display item of the display information for operation.

20. (Previously Presented) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein

the display information includes a switching button, and  
the picture signal outputting means switches the picture signals when the switching button is activated.